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NOTICE.
COMPAGNIE DES MESSAGERIES
MARITIMES.
PAQUEBOTS POSTE FRANÇAIS.

STEAM FOR
SAIGON, SINGAPORE, BATAVIA,
SOURABAYA, PONDICHERRY,
MADRAS, CALCUTTA, ADEN, SUEZ,
PORT SAID,
MEDITERRANEAN AND
BLACK SEA PORTS, ALEXANDRIA,
MARSEILLES, LONDON,
HAVRE AND BORDEAUX.
ALSO
POINTS OF BRAZIL AND LA PLATA.

ON WEDNESDAY, the 14th December,
1892, at Noon, the Company's
Steamship *NATZ*, Commandant Vranos,
with MAIL, PASSENGERS, SPOKE,
and OARGO, will leave this Port for the
above places.
Cargo and Spade will be registered for
London as well as for Marseilles, and ac-
cepted in transit through Marseilles for the
Principal places of Europe.
Shipping Orders will be granted till
Noon.

Cargo will be received on board until
5 p.m., Spoke and Parcel 3 p.m. on the
13th December 1892. (Parcels are not
to be sent on board; they must be left at
the Agency's Office.)
Contents and value of Packages are re-
quired.
For further particulars, apply to the
Company's Office.
G. DE CHAMPELAIN,
Agent.

Hongkong, November 30, 1892. 2100

Occidental & Oriental Steam-Ship Company.

TAKING CARGO AND PASSENGERS
TO JAPAN, THE UNITED
STATES, MEXICO, GENERAL AND
SOUTH AMERICA, AND EUROPE,
VIA
THE OVERLAND RAILWAYS,
AND
ATLANTIC & OTHER CONNECTING
STEAMERS.

PROPOSED SAILINGS FROM HONGKONG.
Sail on TUESDAY, Dec. 20,
Sail on THURSDAY, Jan. 19, 1893.
Sail on THURSDAY, Feb. 9, 1893.

THE Steamship *GALICIA* will be
despatched on TUESDAY, the 20th
December, at 1 p.m., connection being
made at Yokohama with Steamers from
Shanghai and Japan Ports.

RATES OF PASSAGE.
From Hongkong, First Class.
To San Francisco, Vancouver,
Victoria, Esquimaux, New
Westminster, Port Town-
send, Seattle, Tacoma, Port-
land, O., \$325.00
To Liverpool and London \$325.00
To Paris and Bremen \$325.00
To Havre and Hamburg \$325.00
Through Passage Tickets granted to Eng-
land, France, and Germany by all trans-
Atlantic lines of Steamers.

RATES OF PASSAGE TO OVERLAND
CITIES, FIRST CLASS.

DESTINATION.	30 day Tickets.	Contin- uance T.P.
Kansas City, Mo., Omaha,	285.00	
Neb.	292.50	291.50
St. Louis, Mo.	292.50	
St. Paul, Minn.	292.50	
Minneapolis, Wis.	292.50	
Cincinnati, Ohio	304.25	304.25
Columbus, Ohio	304.25	304.25
Indianapolis, Ind.	304.25	304.25
Cleveland, Ohio	304.25	304.25
Pittsburg, Pa.	304.25	304.25
Niagara Falls, N.Y.	304.25	304.25
Buffalo, N.Y.	304.25	304.25
Washington, D.C.	304.25	304.25
Baltimore, Md.	304.25	304.25
Philadelphia, Pa.	304.25	304.25
New York	304.25	304.25
Boston, Mass.	304.25	304.25
Portland, Maine	304.25	304.25

All the above Rates are in Mexican
Dollars.

Special rates (first class only) are granted
to Missionaries, members of the Naval,
Military, Diplomatic, and Civil Services,
to European officials in service of China
and Japan, and to Government officials and
their families.

Through Tickets issued to Passengers
booking to Europe or to Oriental Ports,
are good for trans-shipment across the
American Continent via the Union Pacific
Railway System only.

Return Tickets.—First Class.—Proposed
return tickets to San Francisco will be
issued at following rates:
4 months \$387.50
12 months \$392.50

Time is reckoned from date of issue to
date of re-embarkation at San Francisco.
Passengers who have paid full fare,
re-embarking at San Francisco for China
or Japan (or vice versa) within one year will be
allowed a discount of 10%. This discount
does not apply to travel from China and
Japan to Europe.

All Parcel Packages should be marked to
address in full, and sent to the
Company's Office addressed to the O. & O.
Director of Customs, San Francisco.
For further information as to Freight
or Passage, apply to the Agency of the
Company, No. 73, Queen's Road Central,
HONGKONG.

J. S. VAN BUREN,
Agent.

Hongkong, December 2, 1892. 2115

WINDSOR HOTEL.

(In Connaught Building,
Queen's Road, Hongkong.)

THE Windsor Hotel heretofore carried on
in WINDSOR HOUSE has now been
removed to CONNAUGHT HOUSE.
Cuisine under European management.
Each Bed-room has its own Bath-room.
Hot and Cold water. Passenger Elevator
to all floors.
Charges from \$2 per day upwards.
Special Rates for Families or Permanent
Boarders. Offices and Rooms to let on Un-
furnished. Board by day or month. Apply at
the Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, August 23, 1892. 1534

Intimations.

Used Postage Stamps Wanted.

I WILL Pay CASH for USED
POSTAGE STAMPS
as follows—(these prices are per
100—but any quantities will be
accepted no matter how small at
the same rates).

CHINA—	1 cand.	1.00
3 & 5 cand.	1.50	
HONGKONG—	2, 4, 5 & 10 cents30
6, 8, 12, 20, 24 & 30	1.25	
cents ...	4.00	
18, 48, 50 & 96 cents ...	10.00	
1 dollar ...	15.00	
2 & 3 dollars ...	100.00	
5 dollars ...	100.00	

MACAO—	5 & 10 reis50
20, 25, 40 & 60 reis ...	2.00	
80, 100, 200 & 300 reis ...	5.00	
PHILIPPINE—	1, 2 & 5 mills25
1 & 2 cents40	
5, 6, 8, 10 & 12 cents75	
20, 25, 30, 40 & 50	2.00	
cents ...		

STRAITS SETTLE- MENTS—	1, 2, 4, 5, 6, 8 & 10	.30
cents ...		
12, 24, 25, 30, 32,	2.00	
50 & 96 cents ...		
SIAM—	1, 2, 3, 4 & 8a ...	1.00
12 & 24a ...	3.00	
64a ...	10.00	

SHANGHAI—	any used ...	face value
DUTCH INDIES—	any15
FRENCH COLONIES—	any15

NO TORN STAMPS WANTED AT ANY PRICE.

ALL KINDS OF
POSTAGE STAMPS
BOUGHT, SOLD AND EXCHANGED.

Address:
GEO. E. WASHBURN,
P. O. Box 2068,
SAN FRANCISCO,
CALIFORNIA.

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Dr. ESENEE'S WONDERFUL RING.

GOOD morning, Gentlemen! Do you
wish to prevent premature death from
disease, then ask at once for ESENEE'S
WONDERFUL RING! It cures Coughs, Colic,
Asthma, Bronchitis, Piles, Liver Complaints
within a short period, and rapidly cures
short attacks of Epilepsy, Spasms, Colic,
Palpitation, Hysteria, and it keeps the
blood free from all diseases by putting it
only on the finger of the left hand. I can
strongly state as a means of preserving
and restoring health it is unequalled, as it
has been used by several European Ladies
and Gentlemen with great success, for
which I hold several unqualified testi-
monials. It is the most wonderful dis-
covery of the day. I have no hesitation in
stating before the public that all house-
holds should not be without it; and its
price is also very little, only \$1.18 in-
cluding packing and postage, &c. Do not
ask \$1.18; it is \$1.18. Apply to
Dr. ESENEE,
85, Bechoo Chatterjee's Street,
CALCUTTA.

No V. P. P. System—Please send cash
with order. 1183

To-day's Advertisements.

TO-NIGHT! TO-NIGHT!

AT WEST POINT, 9 P.M.
ATTRACTION EXTRAORDINARY.
Complete Change of Programme.
Complete Change of Programme.

HARMSTON & SONS' GRAND CIRCUS.

THE FAMOUS FEEBLEYS
IN NEW ACTS.
THE CHILD WONDERS—Graceful and Pretty.
THE GRAND VAULTING.
during which Dan Feeley and Giharto, the
accomplished Acrobat, will perform
DOUBLE SUMMERSAULTS.
Ten Dollars will be given to any Person
who can ride him three times around the
Ring.

MIDDLE DE BLONDE.
THE PERFECT EQUESTRIENNE.
MR. GEORGE HARMSTON.
THE DARING HARMSTON.
THE GREATEST COMPANY
THE GREATEST COMPANY
GRAND MATINEE PERFORMANCES,
WEDNESDAY AND SATURDAY
AFTERNOONS.

AT MATINEE.
Doors open at 2.30; Performance at 3 sharp.
Children Half-price to all parts of the Circus.
Box Office for Seats at KELLY & WATSON'S.
Board, by day or month. Apply at the
Office, No. 37, 3rd Floor.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2174

To-day's Advertisements.

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE PUBLIC MEETING in connection
with the Volunteer Movement an-
nounced to take place on THURSDAY NEXT,
at the Council Chamber, will be held in
St. Andrew's Hall, on MONDAY, the
19th instant, at 5.30 p.m. His Excellency
The GOVERNOR will preside, and all
who take an interest in the Movement are
cordially invited to attend.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 12th December, 1892. 2178

GOVERNMENT NOTIFICATION.

THE following Particulars of SALE of
CROWN LAND by Public Auction,
to be held on the Spot, on MONDAY, the
13th day of December, 1892, at 4 p.m., are
published for general information.

By Command, G. T. M. O'BRIEN,
Colonial Secretary.

Colonial Secretary's Office,
Hongkong, 3rd December, 1892. 2170

Particulars of the Lot.

Particulars of the Letting by Public Auction Sale, to be held on MONDAY, the 13th day of December, 1892, at 4 p.m., by Order of His Excellency the Governor, of One Lot of Crown Land, in the Colony of Hongkong, for a term
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REGATTA HOLIDAYS.

THE Undermentioned BANKS will be
CLOSED for the transaction of
Public Business at Noon on THURSDAY,
FRIDAY, and SATURDAY, the 13th, 14th and 15th
instants.

For the 'Chartered Mercantile Bank of
India, London and China,'
JOHN THURBURN,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Chartered Bank of India, Aus-
tralia and China,'
T. H. WHITEHEAD,
Manager, Hongkong.

For the 'Hongkong and Shanghai Bank-
ing Corporation,'
F. DE BOVIS,
Chief Manager.

For the 'Comptoir National d'Escompte de
Paris,'
L. GLENAT,
Acting Agent, Hongkong.

For the 'Bank of China, Japan, and the
Straits, Ltd., Hongkong,'
S. L. DABRY,
p. Manager.

For 'The National Bank of China, Limited,'
GEO. W. F. PLAYFAIR,
Chief Manager.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2177

DILIGENTIA LODGE OF INSTRUCTION.

A Regular MEETING of the above
LODGE will be held on THURSDAY,
the 16th instant, at 6.30 p.m. precisely.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2176

BRITISH MERCANTILE MARINE OFFICERS' ASSOCIATION.

THE Fifth Half-Yearly General MEET-
ING of MEMBERS will be held in
the New Rooms, No. 16, Praya Central,
on THURSDAY, the 15th instant, at 9 p.m.
The Chair will be taken by Captain A.
TILLET, the President.

By direction of the Committee,
CHESNEY DUNCAN,
Secretary.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2179

STEAM TO SHANGHAI.

ORDER MAIL CONTRACT WITH THE
AUSTRIAN GOVERNMENT.

The Co.'s Steamship
Blanca,
Captain MARINI, will
leave for Shanghai on
WEDNESDAY, the 14th inst., at Noon.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
DAVID SARBOON, SONS & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2175

CHINA NAVIGATION COMPANY, LIMITED.

FOR MANILA VIA AMOY.

The Steamship
Sungayong,
Captain DOO, will be
despatched on WED-
NESDAY, the 14th instant, at 5 p.m.

For Freight or Passage, apply to
BUTTERFIELD & SWIRE,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2172

NAVIGAZIONE GENERALE ITALIANA.

(CLIO & RUBATINO UNITED COMPANIES.)

STEAM FOR
SINGAPORE, PENANG & BOMBAY.

Having connection with Company's Mail
Steamers to ADEN, SUEZ, PORT SAID,
MESSINA, NAPLES (LEGHORN),
and GENOA; also MEDITERRANEAN,
ADRIATIC, IONIAN and SOUTH AMERI-
CAN PORTS, up to CALAO. Taking Cargo
at through rates to PERSIAN GULF
and BAGDAD.

The Steamship
Biagio,
L. BACCARINI, Master,
will be despatched on WED-
NESDAY, the 14th instant, at Noon.

At Bombay the Steamers are discharging
and Passage, apply to
CARLOWITZ & Co.,
Agents.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2171

Vessels Advertised as Loading.

Destination.	Vessels.	Agents.	Date of Leaving.
H'ko, Lun, H'ng & A. P. Glamorgan (a).	Dodwell, Carhill & Co.	About Dec. 23.	
Kobe and Yokohama.	Dodwell, Carhill & Co.	About Dec. 23.	
London, v. Suez Canal (a).	Dodwell, Carhill & Co.	About Dec. 23.	
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General Managers.

Hongkong, December 12, 1892. 2173

PURE VOLATILE EUCALYPTUS OIL.

DISTILLED FROM THE LEAVES OF
SELECTED SPECIES OF EUCALYPTUS.

EUCALYPTUS OIL has become a
"HOUSEHOLD REMEDY" in England,
India, and the Colonies, and is now
used for nearly every known disease.
When applied externally it has a powerful
stimulant and soothing action, but does not
blister the most sensitive skin, and no ap-
plication known will so quickly subdue the
pain of muscular rheumatism.

Taken internally in small doses, it acts
as a powerful stimulant and antispasmodic
while its secondary action induces sleep.

The penetrating agreeable vapor of the
Oil is sedative, and when inhaled relieves
Asthma, Bronchitis, Catarrh and Sore
Throat.

It is also a most powerful antiseptic and
germicide, being three times as effective as
Carbolic Acid in preventing development
of Bacteria, its uses in this direction being
very numerous.

The active properties of the Oil depend
on a Terpene called Eucalyptol and we
guarantee this Oil, prepared specially for
us, to contain the largest obtainable per-
centage of Eucalyptol and twice that of the
ordinary Eucalyptus Oil of commerce.

Sold in Bottles at 50 Cents and \$1.00.

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SHIPPING.

ARRIVALS.

December 10.—
Reina Christina, Spanish cruiser, 3,521.
Capt. Pasquas Thaler, Manila December 4.

December 11.—
Albany, British despatch vessel, 1,700.
Captain O. H. Adair, Manila December 10.

December 12.—
Pekin, British steamer, 118. Mathews.
Arrived December 10, General—CHINESE.

Nanseng, German str., 970, L. Magley.
Sumatran December 8, Sugar and Cotton.
Samarang & Co.

Triumph, German steamer, 974, J. Bruhn.
Quinhao December 6, General—EDWARD
SCHMIDT & Co.

Glenora, British steamer, 1,409, Murray.
Providence December 1, Sugar—JARDINE,
MATTHEWS & Co.

Namoa, British steamer, 863, J. Harris.
Poonah December 8, Amoy & Swatow.
10, General—DOUGLAS STEAMSHIP CO.

Singai, British steamer, 1,050, J. Price.
Shanghai December 6, 1.30 p.m., General.
Barnard & Swire.

Nürnberg, German steamer, 2,007, B.
Blank, Yokohama December 4, Hong &
Nagasaki. F. Mails and General.
Meyers & Co.

Wenden, British steamer, 808, Joseph.
Blackburne, Bangkok December 2, General.
Hoe Hing Hong.

December 15.—
Lohang, British str., 978, N. Moncur.
Wuhu, via Swatow December 7, Rice.
JARDINE, MATTHEWS & Co.

Damar, German str., 1,200, B. Grund-
mann, Saigon December 4, Rice and Rice-
flour—WILKIN & Co.

Penguin, British steamer, 1,130, Captain
N. Moore, Shipibo Rd. December 8.

Mathilda, German steamer, 600, P. Moos.
Quinhao December 8, and Tournay 8, General.
Samarang & Co.

Saint Andrew, Norwegian str., 2,000.
H. R. Hansen, Kuching December 6, Coal.
Marion Douglas Kuching.

Albair, British steamer, 330, Manro.
Hendin November 25, Buenos—BUTTER-
FIELD & SWIRE.

Emeralda, British steamer, 966, G. A.
Taylor, Manila Dec. 9, General—SHEWAN
& Co.

DEPARTURES.

December 11.—
Formosa, for Swatow.
Ak, for Hainan and Haiphong.
Kiel, for Bangkok.
Catharina, for Shanghai.
Frieda, for Haiphong.
Para Ocho Chem Kio, for Swatow.

Singai, for Whangpoo.
Lohang, for Whangpoo.
Darmstadt, for Europe, &c.
Soochow, for Shanghai.
Fushui, for Shanghai.
Ethiopia, for Singapore and New York.

CLEARED.

Tachio, for Bangkok.
Thos, for Swatow.
Frig, for Hainan.

PASSENGERS.

ARRIVED.
Per Namoa, from Coast Ports, Mr. Leo
Ah Kim, and 82 Chinese.
Per Singai, from Shanghai, 2 Chinese.
Per Nürnberg, from Yokohama; for

MEMOS. FOR TO-MORROW.

Shipping.

Daylight.—Thos leaves for Swatow, &c.

Tenders Close.

11 a.m.—Tenders for Government Bill
received by the Chief Engineer.

Amusements.

9 p.m.—Harmston & Sons' Grand Circus
and Menagerie, at West Point.

General Memoranda.

WEDNESDAY, December 14.—
2.30 p.m.—Harmston & Sons' Grand
Circus and Menagerie at West Point.

THURSDAY, December 15.—
Noon.—Local Banks close.
5.30 p.m.—Meeting of Diligence Lodge.
Goods per Opach undelivered after this
date subject to rent.
9 p.m.—Meeting of British Mercantile
Marine Officers' Association.

FRIDAY, December 16.—
Noon.—Local Banks close.
6 p.m.—Meeting of Pervance Lodge.

SATURDAY,

TELEGRAMS.

[Supplied to the "China Mail."]

(Via Southern Line).

THE MONETARY CONFERENCE.

London, 10th December, 1892.
The International Monetary Conference is about to discuss the question of a general bimetallic scheme.

LOCAL AND GENERAL.

The M. M. Co.'s s.s. *Melbourne*, with the *Ross* on board, left Singapore on Monday, December 12, at 6 a.m., and may be expected here on or about Thursday, Dec. 15. This packet brings replies to letters despatched from Hongkong on Oct. 5.

The P. M. S. S. Co.'s steamship *City of Peking*, with mails &c., left San Francisco for this port, via Yokohama on Nov. 28.

The *Shire Lido* s.s. *Pembroke* left Singapore on Dec. 6, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 13.

The *A. Whigham*, from Calcutta and Saigon for this port, left Singapore on Dec. 6, and may be expected here on or about Dec. 13.

The Spanish corvette *Reina Christina* arrived here yesterday from Manila.

The P. & O. Co.'s s.s. *Thibet* left Bombay for this port on Dec. 9.

The D. D. R. s.s. *Aglaia*, from Hamburg, left Singapore for this port to-day, and may be expected here on or about the 18th inst.

During the week ending 11th November, 1892, 177 Europeans, and 1,731 Chinese visited the City Hall Museum.

Sr. Joseph's Roman Catholic Chapel has been licensed for the celebration of marriages.

For last month the stamp revenue of the colony was \$13,205, as against \$13,460 for the corresponding month in 1891.

H. M. deppach vessel *Alcorty*, with Admiral Fremantle on board, arrived here yesterday from Tokyo.

Among the passengers by the German mail steamer *Nürnberg*, from Yokohama, are H. E. Nakajima, Minister for Japan at Rome, and family.

The Agent of the M. M. Co. informs us that the steamer *Melbourne*, with the next French mail, left Saigon this morning, at 6 o'clock, for this port.

A TELEGRAM in a Canton native paper says that an imperial edict has been issued stating that the present Heppa will retain his office for another year.

A COUPLE, who was convicted before Mr. Wodehouse at the Magistrate's day of having snatched a pair of earrings from a bestman's ears, was ordered to receive twelve strokes with a rattan.

RECOMMENDATIONS issued by the Harbour Master for keeping the course clear on the Regatta days are published in the Government Gazette. We trust there will be an abatement of the steam-launch nuisance on this occasion.

In our Saturday's issue it was stated that four likely-looking ponies of the new consignment would carry Mr. Heinrich's colours. It should have been stated that a useful-looking black recently arrived will carry the colours of Mr. Heinrich.

TO-DAY at the Magistrate's Public Office Nelson, seaman, s.s. *Ocampo*, was charged with uttering a counterfeit dollar in payment of a package of tobacco purchased from a money-changer in Queen's Road Central. He stated that the dollar had been given him in change, and that he did not know it was bad. Captain Hastings, after hearing the evidence for the prosecution, sentenced Nelson to six weeks' imprisonment.

We have received a series of artistically-designed calendars for 1893 from Messrs. G. W. & Co. We have also received from Messrs. Schellbach & Co. a calendar issued by Messrs. Watson & Co., Dundee, which serves as an advertisement of the latter firm's Glenlivet whisky. Messrs. Douglas Lippin & Co. have sent us one of the very neatly-lithographed calendars issued by the Liverpool, London and Globe Insurance Company.

TO-DAY at the Magistrate's seven men were charged before Capt. Hastings with stealing coals from the Canadian Pacific steamer *Empress* of Japan. They pleaded not guilty, and one man was defended by Mr. J. G. G. (Mr. C. D. Wilkinson's office). The evidence showed that some of the men were in a fishing boat lying alongside the steamer while the remainder were lowering the coals from the steamer to the boat. Captain Hastings convicted the whole of the accused. One man was sentenced to four months' imprisonment, four to six weeks' imprisonment and two to one day's imprisonment.

In connection with the very important subject of leprosy in Japan, the Nagasaki Express learns that Dr. Kishida, in his recent journey through Kishida and Lochoo, discovered that leprosy increases with every degree of latitude proceeding South. Consequently it is more common at Kagoshima than at Kinkamo; at Lochoo it becomes still more prevalent, and reaches its acme at the remotest island of the archipelago, — Yavayusa-shima, — which, with a population of 16,000, has over 800 leprosy. At Napa (Lochoo) they formerly occupied a village, but since the annexation of the island to Japan, they have been segregated, like Japanese leprosy, and consequently living in seclusion, are not easily seen — only manifesting themselves with a few who resort to certain temples, where they rely upon the charity of the benevolent for an existence.

MANY residents of Hongkong and Shanghai must have heard with deep regret of the death of Mr. John Moffat, of the Hongkong and Shanghai Bank, which sad event took place at Vancouver on Friday last. Mr. Moffat left Shanghai for Home via Canada a few weeks since; but although he was rather out of sorts and needed a change no one dreamt that he had left China for the last time. By his death the Bank has lost a promising officer—he had reached the rank of sub-manager in Shanghai during his all-too-short career—the staff have suffered the loss of a much-loved colleague, and his many friends here and in Shanghai have to mourn the death of a warm-hearted friend and the removal of one more familiar face from the circles of the Bank. Mr. Moffat was only thirty-two years of age when he died; but his memory will be long cherished by those who knew him.

It could not be said that the weather on Saturday night was such as was likely to entice many people to pay a visit to West Point. It is, therefore, all the stronger testimony of the excellence of the entertainment provided by Harman's Circus when it is successful in drawing together such a large attendance as that of Saturday night. The performance is indeed first-class. Whether it be the bareback riding of Middle Le Blonde and Mr. George Harman, the dashing riding of Gilbart and the character sketch of Master Frank Harman, or the clever antics of the Peckley Family, there is sufficient talent displayed to enable the visitor to spend two or three hours comfortably and enjoyably, and with a complete change of programme for this week the Circus ought to continue a favourite place of amusement with the community of Hongkong.

The following Volunteer orders are issued for the present week—Monday, 5.30 p.m., at Head Quarters. Sward Exercise—all hands. Recruit Drill. Signalling Class. All Members should attend this parade so that 3 detachments for 64 pounders Drill may be formed under their respective Nos. Murray Battery will be fitted with Electric Light about the 17th instant, from which date Drill will take place there until January 31st, 1893. It is intended that 64-pounders Competition and the Inspection should take place on Chinese New Year's Day at Stone Quarry Island. Wednesday, 5.30 p.m. at Head Quarters. Efficient:—Marching and Carbine Drill. Recruits Drill. Signalling Class. All attending this parade will wear:—Uniform:—Cloth or Serge, Helms (forage caps carried). Side arms &c.—Saturday, Carbene practice at Kowloon, time and place as usual.

We have received the following news from Kowloon, under date the 28th ult.:—The Export to Europe is 18,756,500 lbs. against 17,180,500 lbs. at the same date last year. The shipment for the past fortnight have been rather over 1 million lbs. in the calling steamers *Prima* and *Pinguy*. The market has been very quiet in the interval. Only 4,000 chests have been sent. There has been nothing in the Home services, which have reported to such animation. Prices are unaltered. The estimate of the total supply of Congon remains unchanged at 355,000 chests for the season. This leaves about 5,000 chests still to arrive. The arrival of Congon to date are 319,000 against 341,000 chests; the Settlements are 310,000 against 302,000 chests; and the stock of Congon is 3,500 against 28,000 chests at the same date last year. Exchange is 2/6 for 4 months' sight, and 2/8 for 6 months' sight. London 30/- per ton of forty cubic feet.—N. C. Daily News.

THE RECENT FIRE IN QUEEN'S ROAD.

REMYN TO-TAK.

This afternoon Mr. H. E. Wodehouse held an inquiry into the circumstances connected with the recent fire at 331 and 333 Queen's Road West.

Mr. H. J. Gedge (of Messrs. Johnson, Stokes and Master's office) appeared for Messrs. Kruse and Co., agents for the Balaio Fire Insurance Co.

Woo Sam Yee, owner of the shop, after describing the building, said—I was away in Canton at the time of the fire. I had my safe locked. It contained about \$100, my insurance policy, and a few unimportant articles. I have seen the safe. It has been opened since I left it. I became master of the shop in the first month of this year.

John W. Kinghorn, engineer to the Fire Brigade, stated—I have examined the safe produced in Court. From its appearance now I would say it had been opened prior to the fire. I say so because of the appearance of the inner edge casing of the door. If it had not been opened before the inner casing would have been clean. It is now dirty and charred. There are no marks of the instrument that has been used to open it. It has the appearance of having been forced open with some sharp instrument which would have left marks. The inner casing of the door has been forced up, and it could only have been done in the way I described. The charring of the safe has obliterated the marks that should have been there. If it had been opened after the fire the marks on the inner edge of the casing would have remained. It is a small iron safe of very inferior quality. The person who opened the safe had some reason for forcing open the bottom part of the door, either with a chisel or crow bar. Then the top of the door had been pried up a small space, and afterwards a hole had been cut in the top with a chisel.

The master of the shop (recalled) gave details of the money lost in the safe. He had the only key of the safe. (Key produced.)

HONGKONG CORINTHIAN SAILING CLUB.

The third club race of this season was sailed yesterday in a light to moderate N.W. breeze. Occasional rain showers spoiled what would otherwise have been a capital sailing day, and did not improve the new sails of the boats. The event of the day was the debut of the new R.R. boat *Payne*, named after her designer Mr. Arthur Payne of Southampton. She did not have much opportunity of trying her weather qualities as it was a fetch all the way round the course except in the short beat from the Channel Rocks to the Rock in Kowloon Bay. In this distance she picked up two minutes on the *Ladybird*, but we fancy the latter's pilot had a good deal to do with this. The old *Ladybird* showed that she still has lots of pace in her, and kept her old position in the fleet, viz., first, as the position in the Channel Rocks; in fact she seemed to get over this part of the course in less time than any other boat.

The *Dart* was unfortunately jammed to leeward of H.M.S. *Victor* anchored at the start, and was consequently out of the race, having no opportunity of bringing her fine weatherly qualities into play.

Club Race—Course: From a line between the R. M. Pier and bow of H.M.S. *Victor* round Channel Rocks and Rock in Kowloon Bay, leaving them to port; thence round white fairway buoy off Silver's Home and to Mündel's buoy off Silver's Home, leaving them to starboard; thence starting line from W. to E., and thence round Eastern buoy off Kowloon Rocks, leaving it to port, and finish from E. to W.—17 miles.

Starters:—
1st Class, Championbill:—
Dart, lug, 53rd Regt., 1.5
Ladybird, lug, 53rd Regt., 1.5
Cyn, lug, 53rd Regt., 1.5
Payne, lug, H.E. Moss, 1.5
2nd Class:—
Elyah, lug, Harding, 1.4
Kitten, lug, Harding, 1.4
Payne, lug, Harding, 1.4
Charmian, yawl, Garry, 1.5
Time allowance:—
1st Class, *Dart*, *Ladybird* and *Payne* allow 1 min. 15 sec.
2nd Class, *Elyah* and *Kitten* allow 1 min. 15 sec.

Hyph, as of old, was away first, followed closely by *Ladybird*; the remainder made a somewhat straggling start, *Dart* and *Payne* being jammed together under the *Victor* and not getting away till eight minutes after the starting gun. *Charmian* was a few minutes behind *Payne* and got round the rock about a minute ahead. The rest of the course was plain sailing and the boats crossed the starting line coming from the Mündel's buoy as follows:—

Boat	h. m. s.
<i>Payne</i>	1 33 0
<i>Ladybird</i>	1 33 0
<i>Hyph</i>	1 40 30
<i>Dart</i>	1 40 45
<i>Kitten</i>	1 44 15
<i>Cyn</i>	1 50 10
<i>Charmian</i>	2 0 20
<i>Payne</i>	2 4 30

On the way to the Dock *Hyph* the *Payne* nearly got caught by being up too soon, and then finding a heading puff which set her some way to leeward, and a short board had to be made to fetch the mark where the found *Ladybird* just on her, and the two crossed the starting line. *Payne* proved undoubtedly the faster boat to leeward as she gained steadily and won by half a minute. The *Cyn* gave up on the *Victor*, and *Dart* passed the *Hyph* on the way to the dock.

The times at the finish were:—
1st Class:—
Payne 1 33 0
Ladybird 1 33 0
Hyph 1 40 30
Dart 1 40 45
2nd Class:—
Elyah 1 44 15
Kitten 1 44 15
Cyn 1 50 10
Charmian 2 0 20
Payne 2 4 30

The score stands now for the Club Championship:—
Dart 21 marks.
Ladybird 12
Payne 10
Elyah 1

2nd Class:—
Hyph 21 marks.
Kitten 12
Charmian 8
Payne 5
Cyn 4

CORRESPONDENCE.

OUR UNOFFICIAL M.L.C.

To the Editor of the "China Mail."

Hongkong, Dec. 12.
Sirs,—In your Saturday's issue "Brownie" touches on the retirement of two of our unoffical M.L.C.s. The temporary absence of the members representing the Chamber of Commerce will be in every respect most unfortunate, for his thorough independence of character and sterling worth are beyond question. I only hope to see him again with official robes and watch over the interests of the community with the same praiseworthy success—for he has proved himself little less than a terror where abuses had to be checked. That the member representing the Chamber of Commerce will be in every respect most unfortunate, for his thorough independence of character and sterling worth are beyond question. I only hope to see him again with official robes and watch over the interests of the community with the same praiseworthy success—for he has proved himself little less than a terror where abuses had to be checked. 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Bentley	Brit.	str.	1294	Dec. 11	8 Gibb, Livingston & Co.	Bombay, &c.	17th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1493	Dec. 11	10 Carlisle & Co.	Order	
Bentley	Brit.	str.	484	Dec. 11	14 Order		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	736	Dec. 11	8 Melchers & Co.	Haiphong	Kloon Dock
Bentley	Brit.	str.	632	Dec. 11	4 A. R. May		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1030	Dec. 11	8 Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	Kloon Dock
Bentley	Brit.	str.	675	Dec. 11	30 Simonsen & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1015	Dec. 11	12 Weller & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1898	Dec. 11	3 David Sassoon, Sons & Co.	Shanghai	14th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	3003	Dec. 11	5 Canadian Pacific Railway Co.	Vancouver	28th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1905	Dec. 11	10 Shaw & Co.	New York	To-morrow
Bentley	Brit.	str.	742	Dec. 11	8 Melchers & Co.	Shanghai	Kloon Dock
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1504	Dec. 11	10 C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	Today
Bentley	Brit.	str.	397	Dec. 11	8 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Shanghai, &c.	To-morrow
Bentley	Brit.	str.	4209	Dec. 11	10 C. M. S. N. Co.	San Francisco	20th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1409	Dec. 11	11 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	710	Dec. 11	9 Carlisle & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	978	Dec. 11	14 Jardine, Matheson & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1040	Dec. 11	9 Yuen Fat Hong		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	600	Dec. 11	12 Simonsen & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1284	Dec. 11	10 C. M. S. N. Co.	Shanghai	14th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	858	Dec. 11	11 Douglas Steamship Co.	Coast Ports	
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1035	Dec. 11	9 Carlisle & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	853	Dec. 11	11 Hop Hing Hong		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	950	Dec. 11	11 Simonsen & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	2007	Dec. 11	11 Melchers & Co.	Yokohama	14th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1311	Dec. 11	9 Dodwell, Carhill & Co.	Sydney, &c.	14th inst.
Bentley	Brit.	str.	419	Dec. 11	23 Butterfield & Swire		Laid up
Bentley	Brit.	str.	118	Dec. 11	12 Chinese		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	161	Dec. 11	11 K. & W. Dock Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	20	Dec. 11	20 Melchers & Co.	Kloon Dock	
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1567	Dec. 11	23 Arnold, Karberg & Co.	Kutchin	Kloon Dock
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1056	Dec. 11	21 Weller & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1956	Dec. 11	12 Mitsui Bussan Kaisha	Kutchin	
Bentley	Brit.	str.	1056	Dec. 11	11 Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	Today
Bentley	Brit.	str.	382	Dec. 11	10 Butterfield & Swire	Shanghai	
Bentley	Brit.	str.	6	Dec. 11	6 Yuen Fat Hong	Bangkok	To-morrow
Bentley	Brit.	str.	819	Dec. 11	9 Douglas Steamship Co.	Sydney	Kloon Dock
Bentley	Brit.	str.	674	Dec. 11	11 Edward Schellhaas & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	636	Dec. 11	27 Weller & Co.		
Bentley	Brit.	str.	582	Dec. 11	6 Weller & Co.		

Albania Brit. sh. 1438 Oct. 2 Master
Albania Brit. sh. 339 Dec. 11 Butterfield & Swire
Albania Brit. sh. 620 Nov. 6 Master
Albania Brit. sh. 436 Dec. 8 Weller & Co.
Albania Brit. sh. 983 Nov. 25 Captain
Albania Brit. sh. 390 Aug. 24 Chinese
Albania Brit. sh. 638 Nov. 10 Weller & Co.
Albania Brit. sh. 92 Oct. 22 Arnold, Karberg & Co.
Albania Brit. sh. 1512 Nov. 23 Order
Albania Brit. sh. 1694 Dec. 3 Arnold, Karberg & Co.
Albania Brit. sh. 1135 Nov. 3 Gibb, Livingston & Co.

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